

To: Rich, Damon[richda@ci.newark.nj.us]
From: Basso, Ray
Sent: Thur 3/21/2013 4:46:21 PM
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Ok

From: Rich, Damon [mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 12:28 PM
To: Basso, Ray
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Yes. Will ring you at 3 pm. Thanks.

From: Basso, Ray [mailto:Basso.Ray@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Rich, Damon
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Damon, are you available to discuss this afternoon, I'm free after 2:00pm until about 4:00pm. You can reach me at 212 637 4417. Thanks.

From: Rich, Damon [mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 11:50 AM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org; Ana Baptista
Cc: Basso, Ray
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Thanks much, Debbie.

Ray, any guidance or suggested contacts at NJDEP who understand?

From: Debbie Mans [<mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Rich, Damon; Ana Baptista
Cc: Ray Basso
Subject: FW: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Hi Damon

Saw the note below – I happened to be on the phone with Ray Basso from the EPA when I read it (he is copied here) – I am not sure if you two have met, but Ray is our Passaic River Superfund guy.

I attended a meeting at NJDEP on Feb. 13 that was about debris removal in waterways post-Sandy. NJDEP said specifically on the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers that they fall under NJDEP jurisdiction and did not mention anything about the Superfund status up there. Ray has indicated that the Passaic River is not a Superfund footprint. Additionally, you are talking about floating debris, which is not eligible for Superfund cleanup (like, the floatables that PVSC collects on their skimmer boats are not eligible).

The most important thing for NJDEP is that their costs are FEMA eligible for reimbursement. They handed out the FEMA Recovery Policy for Debris Removal from Waterways and it looks like they are citing Section VII. D. 1. “The removal of debris by an applicant for which another Federal agency has specific authority, or from Federally maintained navigable channels and waterways is ineligible under the Public Assistance Program.”

Ray is a good conduit to others at EPA that can help push back on NJDEP on this. Debbie

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From: Rich, Damon [<mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:40 PM
To: Kozinski, Jane
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Jane, thanks for your response. Does this mean that your program will not address any Sandy-related debris in the lower 17 miles of the Passaic? If so, I am curious as to why Newark is required to have a POC for this program.

We are currently near completion of the second phase of Newark's first riverfront park (more at www.newarksrivier.wordpress.com), and do not have any municipal capacity to remove this unsightly garbage. Unfortunately, to my knowledge, EPA is not actively undertaking any floatable collection at this time.

Any advice you might offer to help us accomplish our goal of banishing this debris would be appreciated.

thank you,

Damon Rich

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From: Kozinski, Jane [Jane.Kozinski@dep.state.nj.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Rich, Damon
Subject: RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Damon – I am advised that this debris is within the geographic footprint of the Passaic River Superfund Site. As such, USEPA will have to address it. Debris within areas that are subject to the jurisdiction of a federal agency is outside the scope of the State's waterway debris removal project. We are directing your inquiry to USEPA. Thanks again. Jane Kozinski

From: Rich, Damon [mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 6:53 PM
To: Alexiades, Nickitas; Kozinski, Jane
Subject: Re: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Hello. What is the procedure for requesting debris removal? Here in Newark, the storm deposited a large accumulation under the Jackson St bridge. Thank you.

From: Alexiades, Nickitas
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 6:46:22 PM
To: jane.kozinski@dep.state.nj.us
Subject: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Attached is the Sandy Wet debris Removal Update for 3-18-13.

On behalf of NJDEP,

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